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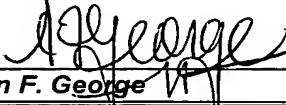
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APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

**Box Patent Application**

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For: EJECTION DEVICE, INKJET HEAD, METHOD OF FORMING NOZZLE FOR EJECTION DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING INKJET HEAD

Prior Application No. 09/423,788, filed January 5, 2000. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are the following items:

A.  Postcard  
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Certified copies of the priority documents have been filed in the parent of this continuing application. The parent application, filed January 5, 2000, was assigned Serial No. 09/423,788.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence: -- This is a **Continuation** of pending prior application Serial No. filed on which is a continuation of Serial No. filed on which is now abandoned the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.—

The benefit of priority under 35 USC 119 is hereby claimed from the following foreign application(s):  
Japanese Application Serial No. 9-124573, filed May 14, 1997  
Japanese Application Serial No. 10-6687, filed January 16, 1998  
Japanese Application Serial No. 10-20550, filed February 2, 1998

Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim is retained for filing.)

Applicant(s) presently intend(s) to file additional papers in this case after receiving an official Filing Receipt. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving such papers, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the attorneys for the applicant(s) at the telephone number shown below.

A petition, fee and response has been filed, or a conditional petition is now being filed, in the prior application to extend the term of the pending prior application. Enclosed is a petition for extension of time in the prior application.

## CLAIMS AS FILED (OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY)

CLAIMS	(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Calculations
	Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	1 - 20 =	0	x \$18 =	\$0
	Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1 - 3 =	0	x \$84 =	\$0
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Applicant(s) believe(s) that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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